



Washington State Department of
Early Learning

Improving the quality of care for infants
and toddlers and their families

Statewide webinar on DEL's strategy



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DEL welcomes
Early Support for Infants and Toddlers!



To see documents we'll be reviewing today:

www.del.wa.gov/partnerships/infant/



Overview of Webinar

- ❑ Update on how DEL is using the CCDF ARRA infant and toddler targeted funds
- ❑ Regional needs assessment and planning
- ❑ Update on progress and plans related to infant/toddler outcome-based planning and evaluation
- ❑ Q & A



How DEL is using the CCDF ARRA I/T funds



❑ Information-gathering

- ▢ National: HHS/CCB, NCCIC, ZERO TO THREE, CLASP, NWLC
- ▢ State: CCDF Survey (2009), Parent Survey (2008), Kids Count B-3 data (2009), draft Early Learning Plan (2009)

❑ Partner and stakeholder input

- ▢ DEL, TB5, & ITEIP convened an Infant Toddler Think Tank on 12/17/09 (74 experts and stakeholders prioritized ELP strategies)

❑ Developed a theory of change (TOC)

- ▢ March 2010 work session—draft TOC at systems level
- ▢ April 2010 work session—draft TOC at agency level



- ❑ Build a roadmap and infrastructure for improving the quality of care for infants and toddlers so that DEL can better coordinate how we:
 - ▢ Spend future CCDF I/T dollars
 - ▢ Administer policy, programs and contracts across quality improvement strategies
 - ▢ Collect data, evaluate and report (e.g. new measurement system)
 - ▢ Build capacity for achieving high quality status that aligns with the ELP and Seeds to Success (QRIS)



Investment strategies for improving the quality of care for infants and toddlers using CCDF ARRA I/T funds



- ❑ Improve DEL's statewide and regional infrastructure and capacity building for interdisciplinary consultation services
 - ▢ Move CCDF I/T funding back to DEL from DOH
 - ▢ Partner with evaluation and outcome-based planning experts
 - ▢ Strengthen statewide capacity: Thrive, CCR&R, Evaluation, and RORWA
 - ▢ Develop regions: regional needs assessment and planning
 - ▢ Fund cultural and linguistic competency expertise to assist DEL, statewide organizations and regions

- ❑ Strengthen and support I/T work force
 - ▢ Develop interdisciplinary continuum of consultation supports and services
 - ▢ Core Competencies and Benchmarks
 - ▢ Strengthen and evolve Seeds to Success
- ❑ Strengthen FFN infant and toddler caregiving (e.g. core training/curriculum appropriate to FFN)
- ❑ Develop the birth-to-3 plan
 - ▢ Co-led by Sangree Froelicher and Kelli Bohanon

Regional needs assessment and planning





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**AUGUST 1, 2010 TO
JANUARY 31, 2011**

Regional needs
assessment & planning
contracts (ARRA)

SPRING 2011

DEL implements new
regional infant toddler
infrastructure (ongoing
CCDF I/T funds)

**JULY TO DECEMBER
2010**

DEL contracts with DOH to
provide child care health
consultation (ongoing
CCDF I/T funds)

- Regional needs assessment and planning contracts (Aug. 1, 2010–Jan. 31, 2011)
 - ▢ 10 regions—ESD boundary areas (King and Pierce will be two separate regions)
 - ▢ Contractors in each region will conduct collaborative strategic planning and assessment: needs and gaps for infants and toddlers in their regions.
 - ▢ Formal bid process
 - ▢ Posted on www.del.wa.gov/about/contracts.aspx



Who will be involved in regional efforts?

- ❑ DEL will encourage early childhood focused organizations in each region to participate
 - ▢ United Ways, R&Rs, ESDs, local health jurisdictions, local coalitions, higher education, K-12 system, counties, cities, others
- ❑ Communities will collaborate to:
 - ▢ Put forward one lead organization per region
 - ▢ Foster new/ongoing regional partnerships to provide services that improve the quality of care for infants and toddlers

Timeline for DEL infant & toddler outcome-based planning and evaluation



Key milestones in planning process

Statewide and DEL Planning

- **Early Learning Plan and Recommendations to the Governor** (December 2009)
- **Infant & Toddler Think Tank** (December 2009)
- **System-Level Infant and Toddler Services and Systems Outcome Map** (March 2010)
 - System-Level Outcome Map Narrative
 - System Outcomes – Examples and Further Specification
- **DEL Infant and Toddler Services and Systems Outcome Map** (April 2010)
 - DEL Outcome Map Overview and Guiding Assumptions

Regional Outcomes-Based Planning Processes

- Webinar re: Infant and Toddler Systems and Services Plans and New Regional Infrastructure and begin bidding process
- 10 regional leads contract with DEL for 6 month planning effort (August 2010)
- Regional leads and their partners complete regional data summary and send to DEL (October 2010)
- Regional leads and their partners engage in planning process and complete products to send to DEL (January 2011)

DEL and Regional Development of Action Plans and Evaluation Plans

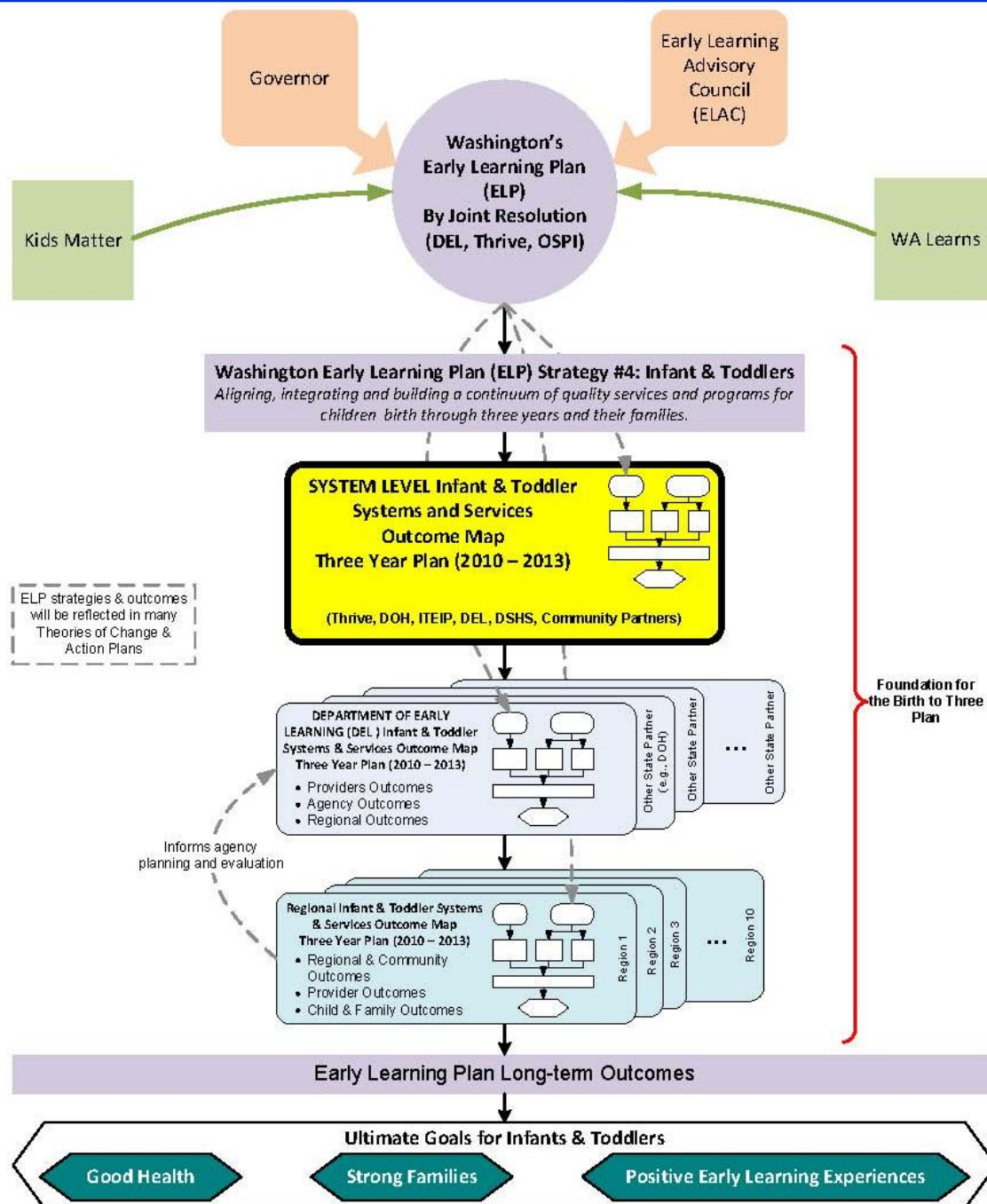
- DEL revisits DEL Outcome Map and Assumptions based on regional planning efforts
- DEL develops an evaluation plan based on regional planning products
- DEL and Regional Leads begin contracting process for infant and toddler systems building and service delivery (e.g., develop logic models, action plans, evaluation plans and budgets)

DEL and Regional Implementation of Action Plans and Evaluation Plans

- All regional leads are in contract with DEL on or before July 2011



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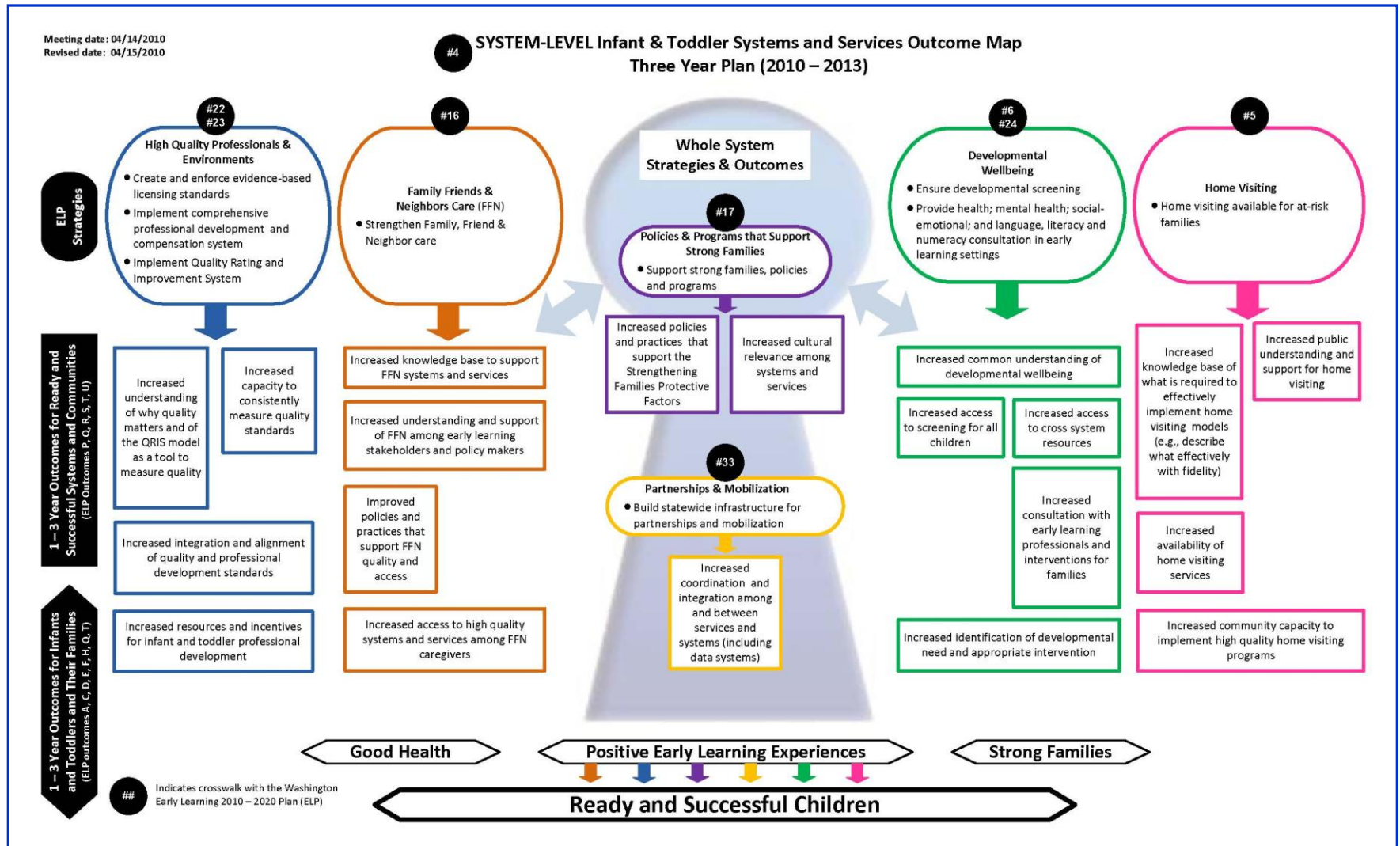


Using the Early Learning Plan to create actionable theories of change

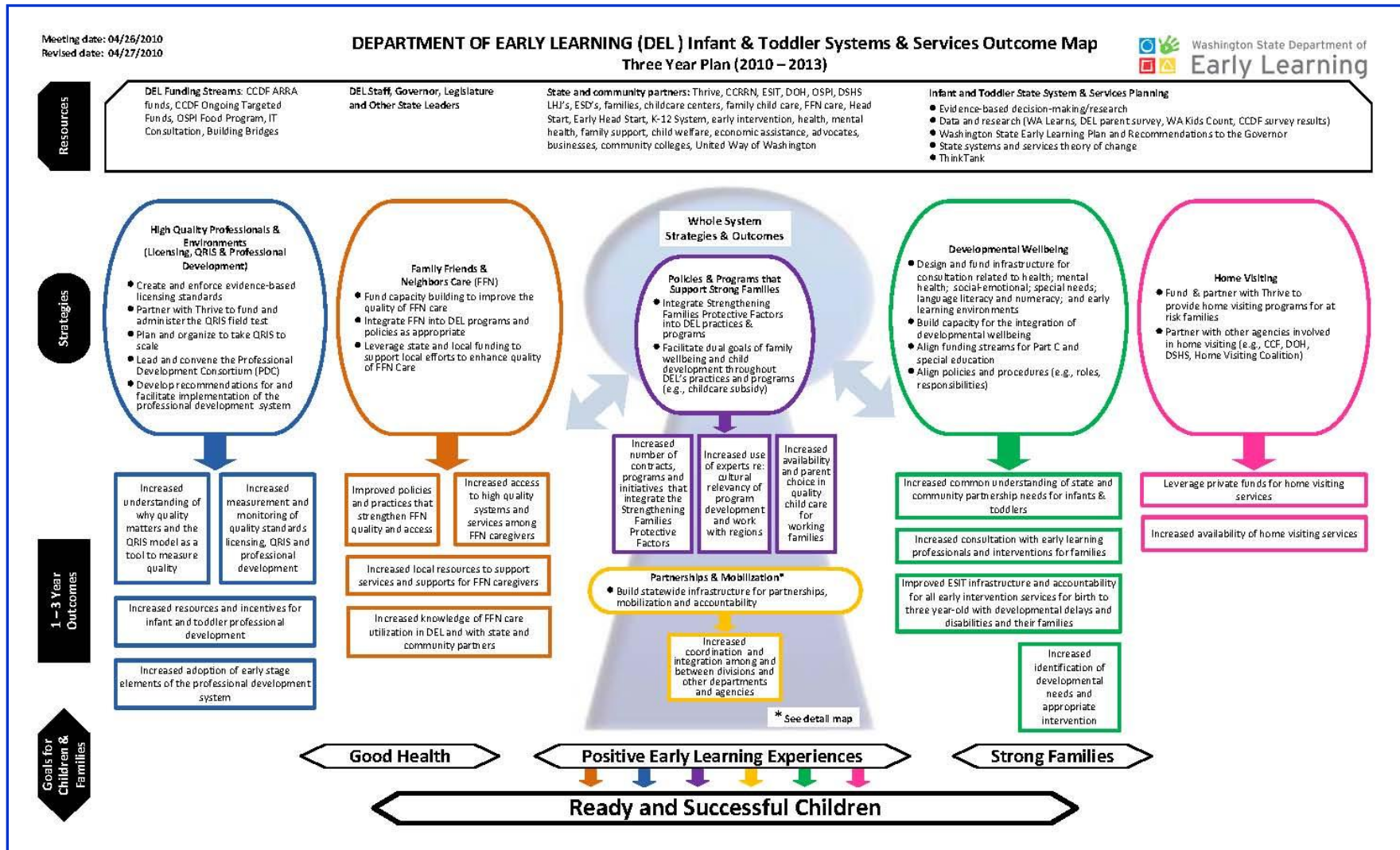


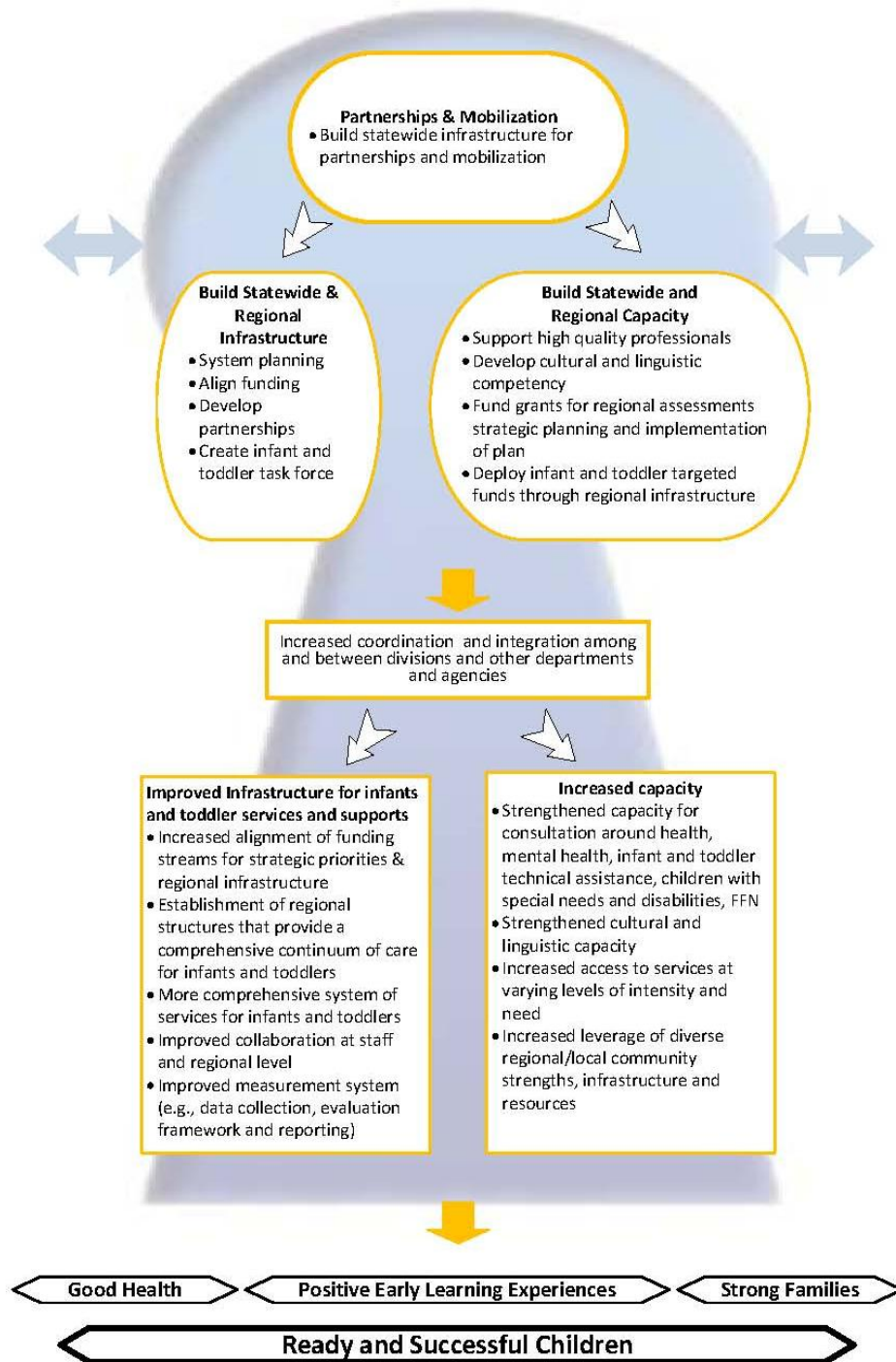
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SYSTEM-LEVEL infant & toddler systems & services outcome map



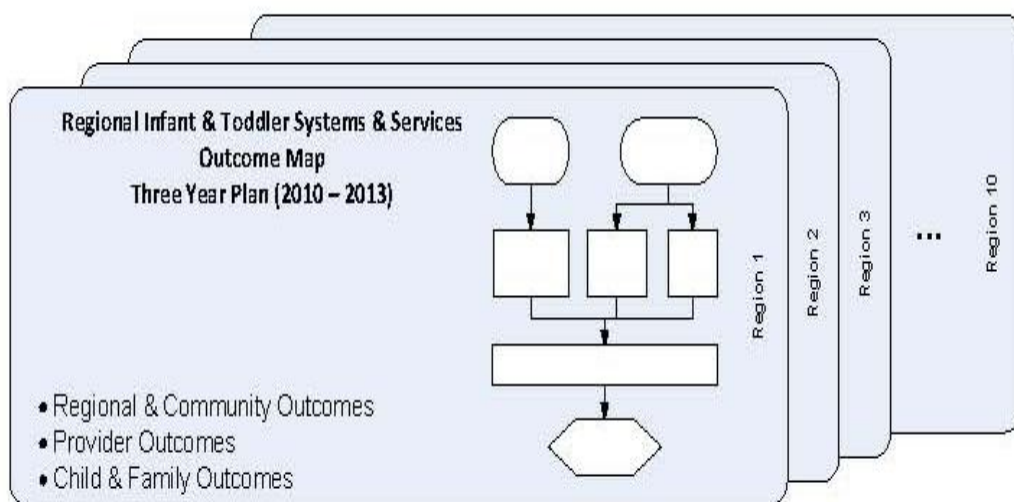
DEL-LEVEL infant & toddler systems & services outcome map



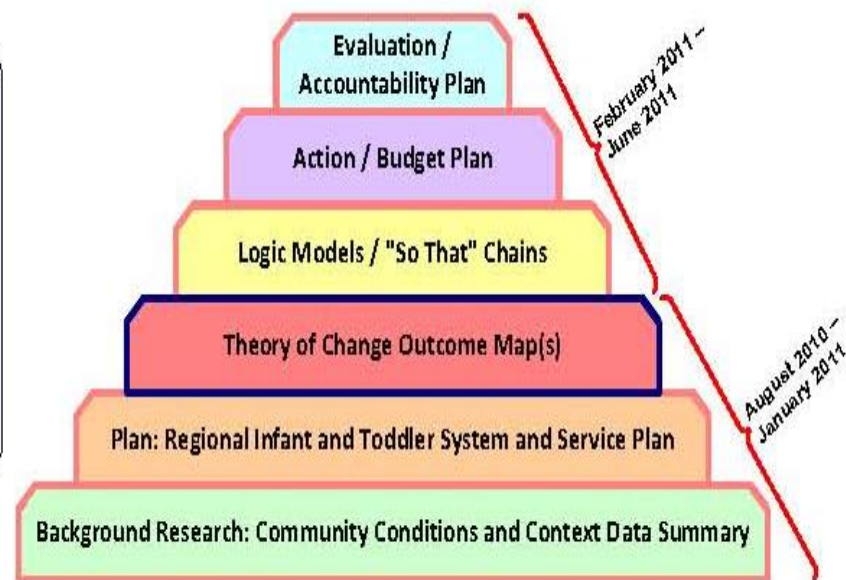


*DEL infant & toddler
systems & services
outcome map
(partnerships &
mobilization detail)*

DEL infant & toddler “layer cake” of outcome-based planning and evaluation components



Each Region Will Complete
“Layer Cake” Components of
Outcome-Based Planning and Evaluation



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Q and A

